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FROM US MISSION TO THE UN AGENCIES IN ROME

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD OPERATIONS IN EASTERN CHAD

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SUMMARY

¶1. US MISSION ROME STAFF MET WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM'S ASSOCIATE FRIDAY, APRIL 23 TO HIGHLIGHT CONCERNS RAISED IN REFTEL SPECIFIC TO W DURING THE APPROXIMATE HOUR-LONG MEETING, WFP OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT WFP ALSO STATED THAT REFTEL INFORMATION IS OBSOLETE AND OFFERED DETAILED

OVERVIEW

¶2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, US MISSION ROME STAFF JOHN BROOKS, PROJECT

¶3. ON APRIL 22, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MEETING, US MISSION STAFF PROVIDED

PRE-POSITIONING CAPACITY
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¶4. WFP INDICATED THAT TWO ASPECTS BEAR ON PRE-POSITIONING STOCK BEFORE

¶5. IN TERMS OF TRANSPORT WITHIN CHAD, WFP STATED THAT ITS CHAD COUNTRY OFFICE ALREADY HAS SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS WITH TRANSPORTERS. NDJAMENA AND ABECHE AND DIRECTLY TO THE EXTENDED DELIVERY POINTS (EDPS), AS WELL AS BETWEEN ABECHE AND THE EDPS. WHEN ASKED TO VERIFY THAT THESE AGREEMENTS ARE ALREADY OPERATIONAL, W

¶6. FOR OVERLAND TRANSPORT FROM THE MAIN PORT OF ENTRY IN DOUALA, CAMEROON, WFP SAID THERE ARE SEVERAL AGREEMENTS IN PLACE TO DELIVER F

¶7. WITH RESPECT TO STORAGE CAPACITY IN EASTERN CHAD, WFP RESPONDED THAT

FOOD SUPPLY/PIPELINE

¶8. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING WFP'S PRE-POSITIONING CAPACITY, THE US MISSION STAFF ASKED FOR DETAILS ABOUT WFP'S ABILITY TO PRE-POSITION

¶9. WFP ASSURANCES REGARDING COMMODITIES ALREADY IN PLACE OR IN THE AR 12, WFP'S CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR, JEANNE BOISCLAIR, REPORT

¶10. IN ADDITION TO STOCKPILES IN ABECHE, WFP REPORTED THAT 1615 MT ARRIVED NGAOUNDERE, CAMEROON, FOR EASTERN CHAD WITH ETAS ON OR ABOUT MAY 2; A NGOMBE WITH ETAS ON OR ABOUT MAY 1. ALL ARRIVAL DATES ARE ESTIMATED

LOGISTICS PLAN

¶11. WFP INDICATED THAT IT HAS A LOGISTICS STRATEGY AND SUPPLY CHAIN PLANNED BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ARNOLD VERCKEN, BASED IN DAKAR, SENEGAL.

¶12. IN ADDITION, A WFP MISSION TO LIBYA DETERMINED THAT A CORRIDOR FROM

¶13. CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL PURCHASES

¶14. WFP INDICATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE LOGISTICS

PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT ATTENTION

¶15. WFP HAS THE FOLLOWING THREE PROFESSIONAL, INTERNATIONAL STAFF IN EMERGENCY COORDINATOR, AND A UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEER. IN ADDITION,

¶16. TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSURANCES TO US MISSION STAFF THAT THE REFUGEE DA SILVA ALREADY HAS BEEN REASSIGNED AS WFP'S NEW COUNTRY DIRECTOR FOR KAATRUD, AND WFP'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JAMES MORRIS, ARE JOURNEYING TO

CONTINGENCY FEEDING

¶17. WFP HAS CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY THAT MORE REFUGEES MAY CROSS THE

SUDAN. IF THIS SCENARIO UNFOLDS, WFP INDICATED THAT THE REFUGEES ARE

RESOURCES

18. WFP'S CURRENT RESOURCING UPDATE (APRIL 19) SHOWS THAT THE CHAD
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URCED, AT LEAST 10 PERCENT LOWER THAN REFTEL

COMMENT

19. US MISSION ROME STAFF RECEIVED SPECIFIC DETAILS AND ASSURANCES IN
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